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REPORT COMINFORM MEETING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

WESTERN COMMUNIST LEADERS AWAY FROM HOME -- Dagens Nyheter, No 192, 20 Jul 50

Vienna, 19 July -- A meeting of the Cominform is said to have taken place recently in Czechoslovakia, probably in Karlsbad, where Foreign Minister Vishinskiy has been staying for some time. It is assumed that the meeting was convened in connection with the intensified propaganda campaign against Yugoslavia and Greece, which lately have been accused of fostering aggressive plans.

One thing that would appear to confirm this information is the fact that the Western European Communist leaders have disappeared lately, and that Harry Pollitt, secretary general of the British Communist Party, and William Gallascher, a former Communist member of Parliament, were seen in Frague on several occasions in company with Vladimir Poptomov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister and Politburo member.

The Austrian Communist leader, Karl Hollitscher, who has just returned from a rather long stay in Russia, and two of his colleagues were present at a conference in the French Zone over the week end, but departed hastily for Hungary, probably to go to Czechoslovakia from there.

The Italian Communist leader, Togliatti, and the Cominform delegate, Pietro Secchia, have not been seen in parliament sessions since 15 July. The are both customarily present unless something of particular importance obliges them to leave Rome.

The French Communist leaders, Thorez and Duclos, have not been seen in Paris since they attended a demonstration on 14 July.

After the meeting many of these top Communists assembled in Berlin, where the SED opened its third congress on 13 July.

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SWEDISH COMMUNIST LEADER ABROAD -- Dagens Nyheter, No 192, 20 Jul 50

<u>Dagens Nyheter</u>, on inquiring at Fritjof Lager's home, was informed that he is abroad, and is expected back next week. It is assumed that he is in Germany.

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